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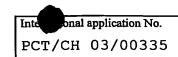


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4.	The	mendments have resulted in the cancellation of:						
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Reasoned statement under Article 3 citations and explanations supporting		nventive step or industrial app	licability;
Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Reference is made to the following document:

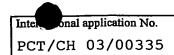
D1: CH 316 461

Document D1, which is considered to be the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1, describes (the reference signs between parentheses apply to this document) a date display device with two rotary discs (11, 16) positioned at least partially one on top of the other and suitable for displaying units and tens, respectively, wherein said discs are marked with the series of figures 0 to 9 and the series of figures 0, 1, 2, 3, respectively, which figures are evenly distributed around a circumferential ring and arranged in such a way that the figures on one disc are juxtaposed with the figures on the other disc, and a drive mechanism rotates the discs so that the juxtaposed figures provide an indication of the day of the month.

It follows that the subject matter of claim 1 differs from the known device in that the unit disc has the series of figures 0, 1, 2, 3, 3.

Therefore, the subject matter of claim 1 is novel (PCT

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Article 33(2)).

The problem that the present invention is intended to solve can thus be considered to be that of simplifying the above-mentioned device.

The solution to this problem, as proposed in claim 1 of the present application, is considered to involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)), for the following reasons: no prior art document suggests the use of the series of figures 0, 1, 2, 3, 3, which requires the use of specially designed drive means that cannot be derived from the prior art.

Claims 2 to 5 are dependent on claim 1 and thus also comply, as such, with the requirements of novelty and inventive step of the PCT.